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SUBJECT: RAIL TRAVEL VIA EAST BERLIN/WEST BERLIN

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1. WE READ WITH INTEREST REFTEL. IT OCCURS TO US THAT
ADDRESSEES MAY WISH TO KNOW THAT EMBSSY HAS HAD SOME SUCCESSES
IN GETTING THE THE GDR MFA TO INSTRUCT ITS FIELD POSTS TO
EXORCISE" GDR VISAS WITH UNACCEPTABLE WORDING
SUCH AS "BERLIN HAUPTSTADT
DER DDR" FROM US DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS AND EVEN TO CANCEL
UNACCEPTABLE BORDER CACHETS. THE FOLLOWING TOW
CASES OCCURRED SINCE EMBASSY OPENED:
(A) WHEN A US FOREIGN SERVICE SECRETARY ASSIGNED TO
BOGOTA WAS TRANSFERRED TO EAST BERLIN IN LATE 1975, THE GDR
EMBASSY THERE PLACED A VISA IN HER DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT WITH THE
LANGUAGE , " BERLIN HAUPTSTADT.....". UPON
REPRESENTATIONS TO THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT MFA HERE BY EMBOFF,
AN OFFICIAL OF THAT DEPARTMENT APOLOGIZED AND SENT
TELEGRAPHIC INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR BOGOTA OFFICE TO CANCEL THE
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OD VISA AND RE-ISSUE
ON A MORE ACCEPTABLE BASIS. BOGOTA GDR EMBASSY DIDSO.
(B) WHEN A US FSSO ARRIVED FROM ADDIS ABABA IN AUTUMN 1975
WITH HIS FAMILY WITH UNACCEPTABLE VISAS AND WHEN ONE OF THE
FAMILY WAS STAMPED INTO " FRIEDRICHSTRASSE BAHNHOF", EMBOFF
RAISED THE MATTER WITH THE SAME OFFICIAL IN THE CONSULAR
DEPARTMENT WHO APOLOGIZED ,ARRANGED FOR ISSUANCE OF PROPER VISAS,

AND ALSO CANCELLED THE UNDESIRABLE BORDER CACHET.

2. EMBASSY WILL BE DELIGHTED TO GIVE SIMILAR ASSISTANCE
TO ADDRESSEE POSTS IF SUCH PROBLEMS ARISE.
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